

Maintenance guidelines for Scott's hard-wax oiled floors

Your quality Scott's wide plank floor arrives to you fully saturated and protected with our VOC Free Hard-wax oils. After installation it is recommended that you clean your floors using only Scott's wood floor soap and a single application of our maintenance oil. Ongoing, continue to care for your floor with our soap and maintenance care products to preserve the value of your wood floors for many years to come.

Daily Cleaning

For regular daily upkeep of your wood floor, a simple sweeping or vacuuming should be all that is required.

Weekly/biweekly cleaning

For a slightly deeper cleaning of your floor, Scotts Floor soap is recommended. It is a concentrate that needs to be diluted at a ratio of 1 capful per litre of Luke warm water. Use a standard sponge mop in which the water can be squeezed out. The mop should be damp but not wet. It is advisable to use 2 buckets- one for the 'soap' water and another for 'rinse' water.

Persistent Stains or Marks

If Scotts Floor soap does not remove individual marks or stains from the wood, Scotts Maintenance oil can be used as a stain remover. Mix the Maintenance oil and apply a very small amount to the stain and rub gently with a cloth. If the stain is not removed, gently use a non-abrasive scrub pad such as scotch brite sponge. Rub in the direction of the grain.

Annual Maintenance and conditioning

Depending on the amount of traffic, annual application of the Maintenance oil is required to moisturise and condition the flooring. In areas that receive a higher amount of foot traffic such as around kitchens or entrance areas, more frequent application maybe necessary. Commercial areas will require to apply maintenance oil at least twice per year. The Maintenance oil has several benefits.

- 1. Protection.** The wax element of the maintenance oil provides and extra layer of protection from contaminants that may spill or come in contact with your floor.
- 2. Restoration.** The oil element of the maintenance oil may help brighten the natural graining of the wood and may enhance the colour.
- 3. Conditioning.** The maintenance oil will help to moisturise the floors.

As wood floors age, high traffic areas tend to wear more than low traffic areas. Scotts Maintenance oil may be applied to those high traffic areas with greater frequency without having to recoat the entire floor. However the entire floor should be maintained annually. Regular application of maintenance oil will provide longer lasting protection and keep your floors looking beautiful for years to come.



Application of Scotts

Maintenance oil. Shake or stir the can of Scotts Maintenance oil well. There are wax solids that settle in the oil that may need to be blended for proper application. Pour the maintenance oil into a squeeze bottle. This will allow you more control over the amount of oil applied. Squirt a small amount of the oil along the floor, spreading as thinly as possible with a soft rag. For best results, spread along the grain, wiping off excess as you go. When applied properly the floor should have a slight sheen but should not appear wet.

- > One litre will cover approximately 40 sqm of flooring when applied properly.
- > Dry within 2 hours.
- > Fully hardened: overnight.
- > Keep rugs of freshly oiled floors for 48 hours.

General Care

The maintenance of your Scotts floor starts at your entrance. Good doormats will keep 80% of the dirt off and prevent sand being ground into your floor. It is very important that you have an entrance mat to your wood floor if coming in directly from outside.

Useful tips

- > Put protective felt under chair and table legs.
- > Remove spilt liquids as early as possible
- > Do not leave pot plants directly on your hardwood floor

The real beauty of hardwax products is that with proper care, your wood floors can look in optimum condition 365 days of the year, by following the care system.

The floors at Copenhagen airport are finished with hardwax oil and have never had to be sanded or replaced since they were first installed in the 1960's. The floors are walked on by over 20 million people every year.

